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E.O. 12065: GDS 7-11-86 (CLARE, DANIEL H.) OR-P

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SUBJECT: (U) "MONTONEROS": OPPOSITION GROWA TO VIDELA VISIT;
INCREASED DEMAND FOR FULL INVESTIGATION

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1. (U) PRESIDENT-ELECT BELAUNDE RECEIVED (JULY 7 AND 8) TWO GROUPS (LEFTIST MEMBERS OF THE NEW CONGRESS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A WOMEN'S PROTEST MARCH) PETITIONING HIM TO TELL ARGENTINE PRESIDENT VIDELA THAT HE WILL BE UNWELCOME IN LIMA FOR THE JULY 28 INAUGURATION. BELAUNDE REPORTEDLY TOLD THE LEFTIST CONGRESSMEN THAT HE HOPED THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD "BE RESOLVED FAVORABLY". HIS RESPONSE TO THE WOMEN PROTESTERS WAS REPORTED TO BE, "VIDELA'S COMING WORRIES ME, BUT I CAN DO NOTHING." SUBSEQUENTLY UDP CONGRESSMAN AGUSTIN HAYA (ONE OF THE LEFTIST POLITICIANS WHO HAD GONE TO LA PAZ TO QUESTION GOB OFFICIALS) WARNED IN JULY 10 EDITION OF "MARKA" THAT "THE 28TH OF JULY IS GOING TO BE CONVERTED BY THE PEOPLE (READ LEFTIST GROUP) INTO A GIANT DEMONSTRATION OF REPUDIATION OF THE DISHONORABLE VISIT OF VIDELA..." DESPITE THESE DEVELOPMENTS, VISITING GOA CHIEF OF CEREMONIAL OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY TOLD LIMA PRESS JULY 10 THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA STILL PLANS TO ATTEND THE BELAUNDE INAUGURATION.

2. (U) TWO GROUPS REFERRED TO ABOVE ALSO PETITIONED BELAUNDE TO SEE TO IT THAT EVENTS SURROUNDING THE SEIZURE OF THE ALLEGED ARGENTINE "MONTONEROS" BE INVESTIGATED FULLY, WITH CONGRESSMEN SUGGESTING THAT A MULTI-PARTY COMMITTEE BE NAMED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH BELAUNDE HAS NOT MADE A PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP, ANTONIO MEZA CUADRA, TOLD PRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT HAD RECEIVED THE PETITION FAVORABLY. JULY 9 EDITION OF INDEPENDENT LEFTIST WEEKLY "EQUIS" DEVELOPED INVESTIGATION THEME FURTHER BY PUBLISHING DEMAND THAT PRIME MINISTER RICHTER BE SUBPOENAED BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AND PRESENTED WITH A LIST OF 14 INTERROGATORIES ABOUT THE CASE. IN ADDITION, THE LEADERSHIP (INCLUDING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PERU REP LAURA CALLER IBERICO) OF THE LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTY FOCEP ANNOUNCED TO PRESS JULY 9 THAT IT HAS ASKED THAT THE UNHCR SEND A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO BOLIVIA AND PERU TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE.

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3. (U) DURING THE PAST WEEK, PRESS (PRIMARILY LEFTIST, ESPECIALLY THE DAILY AND WEEKLY EDITIONS OF "MARKA") PUBLISHED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND PERSONS CONNECTED WITH THE ALLEGED SEIZURE, TORTURE, AND DEATHS OF A NUMBER OF ARGENTINE "MONTONERO" ACTIVISTS. JULY 11 EDITION OF POPULAR MAGAZINE "GENTE" REPORTED THAT GUARDIA CIVIL POLICEMAN INVOLVED IN FRIAS SEIZURE IS MARIANO ESCALANTE (BADGE 432/32), AND IDENTIFIED A CIVILIAN KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THAT SEIZURE AS PEDRO CLAVIJO. JULY 14 EDITION OF "MARKA" CARRIED EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ROBERTO CIRILO PERDIA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE PERONIST MONTONERO MOVEMENT, IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT ARGENTINE SECURITY OFFICERS HAD BROUGHT TWO "MONTONEROS" TO PERU FROM ARGENTINA ("EQUIS" IDENTIFIED THE SECOND ONE AS ALDO MORAN, REPUTED TO BE A PERONIST LABOR LEADER). "MARKA" REPORTED THAT ARGENTINE GEN VIOLA HAD OBTAINED PERMISSION, AT NOV 1979 CONFERENCE OF THE ARMIES OF THE AMERICAS IN BOGOTA, TO PURSUE ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE FOUND. "EQUIS" CLAIMED THAT ARGENTINE GEN GALTIERI CALLED PRIME MINISTER RICHTER AT THE END OF MAY 1983 TO ASK FOR PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL OPERATION BY ARGENTINE SECURITY AGENTS IN PERU. "EQUIS" ALSO CHARGED THAT RICHTER MET JUNE 14 AND 16 IN HIS OFFICE WITH GEN RUIZ AND COL MARTINEZ OF PERUVIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND WITH ARGENTINE AMB AND ARGENTINE ARMY ATTACHE TO DECIDE HOW TO TREAT CASE AFTER IT HAD BECOME PUBLIC. ("EQUIS" REPORTED THAT THE REASON WHY THE LEFTIST MEMBERS OF THE NEW CONGRESS KNEW ABOUT THE SEIZURE OF THE ARGENTINES SO SOON WAS THAT NOEMI ESTHER GIANOTTI GODOY DE MOLFINO CALLED ANTONIO MEZA CUADRA (PSR) IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SHE WAS TAKEN TO SAY THAT HER HOME WAS SURROUNDED.)

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF THE REPORTING ON THIS CASE CONTINUES TO COME FROM THE LEFTIST PRESS, EVEN RIGHTIST INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "EL TIEMPO" NOTED JULY 9 THAT "THE SCANDAL CONTINUES TO GROW INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY... (AND) THAT IT IS PRESUMED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN DEATHS." WITH THE PUBLICATION OF MORE DETAILED CHARGES, THE POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER RICHTER BECOMES MORE TENUOUS AND THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT VIDELA MORE WORRISOME TO BELAUDE AND THE GOP.

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